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In re Application of
Gzara, et al.
Application No. 09/960,445
Filed: September 21, 2001
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: DECISION GRANTING
: PETITION
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This is a decision on the petition filed February 26, 2002 (certificate of mailing date February 13, 2002), requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of September 21, 2001 rather than the presently accorded filing date of September 12, 2001.

Petitioners request the later filing date on the basis that the application was deposited in Express Mail service of the United States Postal Service (USPS) on September 21, 2001, pursuant to the requirements of 37 CFR 1.10. The petition is accompanied by a copy of Express Mail label no. EL889000071US showing a "date-in" of September 12, 2001 and a USPS date stamped postmark of September 21, 2001. The same Express Mail label number is found on the original application papers.

The evidence presented and an independent review of the USPTO USPS Express Mail Finder Database establish that the Express Mail package associated with Express Mail label no. EL889000071US was deposited with the USPS on September 21, 2001.

Accordingly, the petition is granted.

No fee has been or will be charged in connection with this petition.

The application file does not indicate a change of address has been filed in this case, although the address given on the petition differs from the address of record. A change of address should be filed in this case in accordance with MPEP 601.03. A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the address noted on the petition. However, until otherwise instructed, all future correspondence regarding this application will be mailed solely to the address of record.

The application is being returned to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for correction of the filing date to **September 21, 2001** and the mailing of a corrected filing receipt.

Any inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 308-6712.

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